An acceptable use policy (AUP) is a policy that outlines, in writing, how a school or district expects its community members to behave with technology. Similar to a Terms of Service document, an AUP should define publicly what is deemed acceptable behavior from users of hardware and information systems such as the Internet and any applicable networks.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/1to1/aups>

Many schools address both acceptable and unacceptable online behavior in their AUPs – not only prohibiting certain behavior (for example, plagiarism, pirating, visiting non-school related sites, etc.), but also defining positive goals for incorporating technology into the school day. Additionally, AUPs also can help comply with E-rate requirements set forth by the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Today’s educators have the tough job of maintain the delicate balance of protecting students while providing access to the digital world. Educators need to be comprehensive yet not limiting when creating a stimulating but safe learning environment. An AUP is a first step in framing these opportunities.

Remember, though that even if your AUP is School Board approved, it is only as strong as your commitment to enforce it. An AUP needs the school’s whole community support (including students’), as it can come into play when well-intentioned filters and monitoring systems fail.

Safety Issues – As students spend more time in online environments, attempts by online predators to contact students are more likely, and objectionable material is readily available and easy to access, sometimes referred to as cyber porn (levy, 2010). Robyler, M., 2016, p.16

To address these concerns, schools are requiring students/parents to sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) that outlines appropriate use of school technologies for students and educators. This policy puts in place procedures to safeguard access to students’ personal information. Robyler, M., 2016, p.16

The increasing use of online resources for communications and research also means risks for students. In 2000, the U.S. Congress passed the Children’s Internet Protection Act to encourage schools to take measures that keep children away from Internet materials that could be harmful to them. Robyler, M., 2016, p. 66

Most schools have students sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) that stipulates the risks involved in Internet use and outlines appropriate, safe online behavior. Robyler, M., 2016, p. 66

Acceptable Use Policy Explained--Baltimore County Public Schools

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MarXQ8IRIbE>

\*\*\*1. PSA ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Pqnpxef-Vk>

Acceptable Use - Elementary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OS-QnXgyf4>

Acceptable Use Policy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbHxDIdS4q8>

explains what aup is

Digital Citizenship: Acceptable Use Policy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5ILFOc7GcI>

Lady talking into camera explaining her school’s AU**C**-contract

Acceptable Use Policy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1vPG3uiido>

creating a AUP for the classroom

Creating a Technology Usage Policy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBfr_AMaFYw>

states the different kinds of technology policies

she teaches PK but is explain what to do to make your policy

X – not that great – just words on screen

Maybe can use for screenshot

explains the AUP for a school district – high school

Technology Acceptable Use Policy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6eE-393qbXQ>

\*\*\*\*guy explaining an AUP really good

shows what a real AUP and one written for kids

The Kid Friendly AUP: An Introduction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_mHl5XNehA>

maybe screenshot

\*\*\*\*\*explanation to students of their AUP older kids

PSA - What is an AUP?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_mHl5XNehA>

discussion of areas of writing an AUP-not about schools

what the company wants in the policy

Acceptable Use Policy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC5t0vlcthU

aimed at teacher acceptable use – a school district video to teacher

another video aimed at teacher appropriate use

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=voLV05_GaiE>

Top 8 Guidelines For Acceptable Use of Electronic Media by Educators

Good one for explaining what an AUP is – good for acreenshot

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Gprvu_q0Hk>

Acceptable Use Policy

Just lady talking but good screen shot of what an AUP should contain

\*\*\*\*Good explanation of what is in an aup and what should be in one

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsN8M0Ze7K8>

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One of the sources for my paper

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/sites/default/files/uploads/pdfs/cape_elizabeth_aup_maine.pdf>

another for paper

<https://www.tuscaloosacityschools.com/cms/lib/AL01801473/Centricity/domain/46/student%20services%20documents/TCS%20Code%20Book%201617.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2IshBC89vI&t=14s>

SCREEN SHOTS

<http://previews.123rf.com/images/ra2studio/ra2studio1309/ra2studio130900708/22094257-Hacker-programing-in-technology-enviroment-with-cyber-icons-and--Stock-Photo.jpg>

Picture

<https://assets.wired.com/photos/w_660/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/kidslaptop.jpg>

picture of kid’s hands on computer

picture of kids outside principal’s office

<https://images2.publicschoolreview.com/article/462x462/1000/692/Students-of-Color-Disproportionately-Disciplined-in-Schools-sMXcQf.jpg>

picture of teacher correcting student

<https://previews.123rf.com/images/bialasiewicz/bialasiewicz1610/bialasiewicz161000512/63694148-Shot-of-a-strict-teacher-pointing-finger-and-giving-a-little-student-reprimand-Stock-Photo.jpg>

Short explanations of videos

The development of an AUP should take in consideration the age of the users being addressed. Information should be presented in age-appropriate language so students have the capabilities to understand and adhere to the policy.

This video resource is an overview of the information that should be included in an AUP for technology resources school-wide. Video presentation of the Acceptable Technology Use Policy is another way to ensure understanding and adherence to the policy.

Teachers may be interested in creating their own classroom technology policies to supplement and reinforce the school-wide policy. This video is an example of the use of age-appropriate language to enhance student understanding of the appropriate behaviors for technology usage.

Stuff in own language

An AUP for technology is needed to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff members, and school board employees. All members of the school community should have a safe and comfortable environment to increase educational experiences and the acquisition of knowledge.

All persons associated with the technology resources should be aware that strict adherence to the policies set in place for protection of all members of the school community is expected. Failure to do so will result in consequences suitable for the offense.